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Filling of casual vacancies in the Commission

Note by the Secretariat

Addendum

I. List of candidates

1. As of 13 June 2003, the name of the following candidate had been submitted for the seat which became vacant as a consequence of the resignation of Robert Rosenstock:

Mr. Michael J. Matheson (United States of America)

2. The curriculum vitae of the above candidate is contained in section II below.

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II. Curriculum vitae of candidate

Michael J. Matheson (United States of America)

Professor Matheson is a member of the international law faculty of the George Washington University Law School in Washington, DC. He had previously directed the International Law Program of the School of Advanced International Studies of Johns Hopkins University, and had served as a Senior Fellow at the U.S. Institute of Peace. He has taught courses on public international law, international criminal law, international institutions, and international conflict resolution.

Professor Matheson has written many articles and other published pieces on international law subjects. He has argued many cases before international tribunals, including seven cases before the International Court of Justice, and has served as a member of the Permanent Court of Arbitration. He has lectured at many law schools, universities, and professional organizations. He is Counselor to the American Society of International Law, and is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and the Board of Editors of the *American Journal of International Law*.

In 2000, he retired from the U.S. State Department, where he served as a career official in the Office of the Legal Adviser for many years, including as Acting Legal Adviser and Principal Deputy Legal Adviser. He participated in many negotiations on international humanitarian law, arms control, and environmental protection, including as Head of Delegation (with the rank of Ambassador) to the UN negotiations on conventional weapons. He led efforts to create the International Criminal Tribunals for Rwanda and the former Yugoslavia, and the UN Compensation Commission.

Prior to his service in the U.S. State Department, he served in other government positions and in the private practice of law. He received an AB in Political Science from Stanford University in 1965, where he graduated with *Great Distinction*; and he received an LLB from Stanford University in 1968, where he was Recent Developments Editor of the *Stanford Law Review*. He was born in San Francisco in 1944.

Publications (partial recent list):

-- "Practical Aspects of the Agent's Role in Cases Before the International Court", *The Law and Practice of International Tribunals* (2003)

-- "U.S. Military Commissions", 96 *Am. Journal of Int. Law* 354 (2002)

-- "United Nations Governance of Postconflict Societies", 95 *Am. Journal of Int. Law* 35 (2001), reprinted in Post-Conflict Justice (Bassiouni, ed.)

-- "The Opinions of the International Court of Justice on the Threat or Use of Nuclear Weapons", 91 *Am. Journal of Int. Law* 417 (1997)

-- "The Revision of the Mines Protocol", 91 *Am. Journal of Int. Law* 158 (1997)

PUBLIC ACTIVITIES

Cases Argued Before International Tribunals:

-- **International Court of Justice**:
- ***Oil Platforms*** (Iran v. United States):Feb.–March 2003 (Counsel and Advocate); Sept. 1996 (Agent)
- ***LaGrand*** (Germany v. United States): Nov. 2000 (Counsel and Advocate)
- ***Legality of Use of Force*** (Yugoslavia v. United States): May 1999 (Co-Agent)
- ***Consular Relations*** (Paraguay v. United States): April 1998 (Co-Agent)
- ***Lockerbie*** (Libya v. United States): Oct. 1997 (Co-Agent)
- ***Nuclear Weapons*** (Advisory Opinion): Nov. 1995 (Representative)
- ***ELSI*** (United States v. Italy): Feb.– March 1989 (Co-Agent)

-- **Iran-U.S. Claims Tribunal**:
- ***Replenishment***: Nov. 1999
- ***Foreign Military Sales***: Nov. 1987

Major International Negotiations:

-- **Cultural Property** Conf., The Hague: March 1999 (Head of Delegation)
-- First Review Conf. for the Convention on **Conventional Weapons**, Geneva: April-May 1996, Vienna: Sept.–Oct. 1995 (Head of Delegation)
-- Governing Council of the **UN Compensation Commission**, Geneva: Aug. 1991-Jan. 1992 (Head of Delegation)
-- UN Conf. on **Conventional Weapons**, Geneva: Sept.-Oct. 1980 (Deputy Head of Delegation)
-- Negotiations between the United States and the Soviet Union on **Conventional Arms Transfers**, Mexico City: Dec. 1978, and Helsinki: July 1978 (Legal Adviser)
-- Diplomatic Conf. on **International Humanitarian Law**, Geneva: April-May 1977 (Adviser)
-- Negotiations between the United States and the Soviet Union on **Peaceful Nuclear Explosions**, Moscow: Feb. 1976 (Legal Adviser)
-- First Review Conf. on the **Non-Proliferation Treaty**, Geneva: June 1975 (Legal Adviser)
-- IMCO Conf. on **Maritime Oil Pollution**, London: Oct. 1973 (Legal Adviser)
-- Conf. on **Endangered Species**, Washington: Feb. 1973 (Legal Adviser)

Courses Taught:

-- **Int. Criminal Law,** George Washington Law Sch., Spring 2003
-- **Int. Law and Conflict Resolution,** George Washington Law Sch., Fall 2002
-- **Legal Aspects of Int. Institutions,** Johns Hopkins Sch. of Advanced Int. Studies, Spring 2001
-- **Int. Law and Conflict Resolution,** Johns Hopkins Sch. of Advanced Int. Studies, Spring 2001
-- **Introduction to Int. Law**, Johns Hopkins Sch. of Advanced Int. Studies, Fall 2000

Publications:

-- "**U.S. Security Assistance and Related Programs"**, in Moore & Turner, National Security Law (in process of publication)
-- Book Review on "**The Law of Internal Armed Conflict**" by Lindsay Moir, 97 *Am. Journal of Int. Law* 19 (2003)
-- "**Practical Aspects of the Agent's Role in Cases Before the International Court**", *The Law and Practice of International Tribunals* (2003)
-- "**U.S. Military Commissions**", 96 *Am. Journal of Int. Law* 354 (2002)
-- "**Filling the Gaps in the Conventional Weapons Convention**", 31 *Arms Control Today* 12 (2001)
-- "**United Nations Governance of Postconflict Societies**", 95 *Am. Journal of Int. Law* 35 (2001), reprinted in Post-Conflict Justice (Bassiouni, ed.)
-- Book Review on "**Military-Civilian Interactions: Intervening in Humanitarian Crises**" by Thomas Weiss, 93 *Am. Journal of Int. Law* 980 (1999)
-- "**The Opinions of the International Court of Justice on the Threat or Use of Nuclear Weapons**", 91 *Am. Journal of Int. Law* 417 (1997)
-- "**The ICJ Opinions on Nuclear Weapons**", 7 *Transnational Law & Contemporary Problems* 353 (1997)
-- "**The Revision of the Mines Protocol**", 91 *Am. Journal of Int. Law* 158 (1997)
-- "**John H. McNeill**", 91 *Am. Journal of Int. Law* 88 (1997)
-- "**New Landmine Protocol**", 26 *Arms Control Today* 9 (1996)
-- "**Arms Sales and Economic Assistance**", in Moore, Tipson & Turner, National Security Law (1990)

Public Presentations:
(Past 20 years only)

-- **Judicial Review in Int. Organizations**, George Washington Law Sch., April 2003
-- **Iraq Conflict**, George Washington Law Sch., March 2003
-- **Treatment of Detainees**, George Washington Law Sch., Jan. 2003
-- **Preemptive Self-Defense**, Johns Hopkins Sch. of Advanced Int. Studies, Oct. 2002
-- **The Security Council and Armed Conflict**, Georgetown Law Sch., Nov. 2002
-- **Int. Law and Armed Conflict**, U.S. Inst. of Peace, June 2002
-- **Int. Humanitarian Law and the Military**, U.S. Inst. of Peace, June 2002

-- **Prosecuting Terrorists**, Duke Law Sch., April 2002
-- **Int. Humanitarian Law and Non-State Groups**, U.S. Inst. of Peace, March 2002
-- **Treatment of Detainees,** George Washington Law Sch., Feb. 2002
-- **The Milosevic Trial,** U.S. Inst. of Peace, Feb. 2002
-- **Int. Law and the Use of Force,** U.S. Naval War Coll., Feb. 2002
-- **Nuclear Weapons and the Law**, Voice of America, Feb. 2002
-- **U.S. Response to September 11,** Int. Practice Group, Dec. 2001
-- **Terrorism on Trial,** U.S. Inst. of Peace, Dec. 2001
-- **Int. Humanitarian Law and National Courts**, U.S. Inst. of Peace, Nov. 2001
-- **Nuclear Weapons**, New York City Bar Assoc., Oct. 2001
-- **Armed Conflict and Terrorism**, D.C. Bar Assoc., Oct. 2001
-- **The Response to Terrorism,** Council on For. Relations, Oct. 2001
-- **Armed Conflict, Terrorism and the Law,** Am. Society of Int. Law, Oct. 2001
-- **Terrorism and the Laws of War**, Crimes of War Project, Sept. 2001
-- **Int. Humanitarian Law and Military Training**, U.S. Inst. of Peace, May 2001
-- **Just War and Humanitarian Intervention**, Am. Society of Int. Law, April 2001
-- **Int. Humanitarian Law and Relief Organizations**, U.S. Inst. of Peace, April 2001
-- **Humanitarian Intervention**, Virginia Law Sch., Feb. 2001
-- **Int. Humanitarian Law and Economic Institutions**, U.S. Inst. of Peace, Feb. 2001
-- **Int. Humanitarian Law and the Media**, U.S. Inst. of Peace, Jan. 2001
-- **Environmental Consequences of War**, Environmental Law Inst., Dec. 2000
-- **Environmental Law of War**. Vermont Law Sch., Oct. 2000
-- **Int. Humanitarian Law**, U.S. Inst. of Peace, Sept. 2000
-- **Landmine Protocol**, UN Headquarters in Geneva, May 2000
-- **Environmental Impact of Armed Conflict**, Am. Bar Assoc., May 2000
-- **Humanitarian Intervention**, Am. Society of Int. Law, April 2000
-- **Legal Adviser's Office** of the U.S. State Department, Yale Law Sch., March 2000
-- **National Security Law**, Am. Bar Assoc., Oct. 1999
-- **War Powers and Kosovo**, U.S. House of Rep., Int. Relations Comm., April 1999
-- **Waldemar A. Solf Lecture** in Int. Law, U.S. Army Judge Advocate General's Sch., April 1999
-- **Lockerbie Bombing**, Georgetown Univ., Dec. 1998
-- **Int. Law Developments,** Am. Bar Assoc., Nov. 1998
-- **Int. Humanitarian Law**, Am. Univ. Law Sch., Oct. 1998
-- **ICJ Cases,** Virginia Law Sch., June 1998
-- **Use of Force Against Iraq,** Am. Society of Int. Law, April 1998
-- **War Powers,** U.S. House of Rep., Int. Relations Comm., March 1998
-- **Conventional Weapons,** U.S. Senate, For. Relations Comm., Oct. 1997
-- **Anti-Terrorism Legislation,** U.S. House of Rep., Judiciary Comm., June 1997
-- **ICJ Nuclear Weapons Case,** Virginia Law Sch., June 1997
-- **Int. Law Developments,** Am. Bar Assoc., May 1997
-- **Nuclear Weapons,** Duke Law School, April 1997
-- **ICJ Nuclear Weapons Case,** Am. Society of Int. Law, April 1997
-- **Conventional Weapons,** U.S. Senate, For. Relations Comm., Feb. 1997
-- **Int. Humanitarian Law,** New York Univ. School of Law, Jan. 1997
-- **Int. Law Developments,** Am. Bar Assoc., Dec. 1996

-- **War Crimes Tribunals,** D.C. Bar Assoc., Nov. 1996
-- **Internal Conflicts,** New York City Bar Assoc., Nov. 1996
-- **ICJ Opinion on Nuclear Weapons**, Am. Society of Int. Law, July 1996
-- **War Crimes Legislation,** U.S. House of Rep., Judiciary Comm., June 1996
-- **Conventional Weapons,** U.S. Information Service, April 1996
-- **Conventional Weapons,** Am. Society of Int. Law, March 1996
-- **War Crimes,** Georgetown Law Sch., March 1996
-- **Conventional Weapons,** National Press Club, Jan. 1996
-- **Nuclear Weapons,** Court TV, Dec. 1995
-- **War Crimes,** Virginia Law Sch., Nov. 1995
-- **Conventional Weapons,** New York City Bar Assoc., Nov. 1995
-- **Int. Law Developments,** Am. Bar Assoc., Oct. 1995
-- **Conventional Weapons,** U.S. Senate, For. Relations Comm., **March 1995**
-- **Human Rights Violations,** Virginia Law Sch., Nov. 1994
-- **Int. Law Developments,** Am. Bar Assoc., Oct. 1994
-- **Rwanda War Crimes,** Am. Bar Assoc., Oct. 1994
-- **Iraq Claims Legislation,** U.S. Senate, For. Relations Comm., **Sept. 1994**
-- **War Crimes,** U.S. Inst. of Peace, Sept. 1994
-- **War Crimes Legislation,** U.S. House of Rep., Judiciary Comm., **Aug. 1994**
-- **War Crimes,** Worldnet, Feb. 1994
-- **Prot. I to the Geneva Conv.,** Council on For. Relations, Jan. 1994
-- **Iraq Claims Legislation,** U.S. House of Rep., For. Affairs Comm., **Oct. 1993**
-- **Int. Law Developments,** Am. Bar Assoc., Oct. 1993
-- **War Crimes,** Worldnet, Aug. 1993
-- **War Crimes,** U.S. Information Agency, July 1993
-- **Int. Law Developments,** Am. Bar Assoc., April 1993
-- **Int. Law Developments,** Am. Bar Assoc., Oct. 1992
-- **Arms Sales to Pakistan**, U.S. Senate, For. Relations Comm., **July 1992**
-- **Iraq Claims,** Am. Bar Assoc., Jan. 1992
-- **Iraq Claims,** New York City Bar Assoc., Oct. 1991
-- **Gulf War Pollution,** U.S. Senate, Environment & Public Works Comm., **July 1991**
-- **Use of Force,** Am. Bar Assoc., Oct. 1990
-- **Arms Control Dispute Settlement**, Am. Society of Int. Law, **March 1990**
-- **Low-Intensity Conflict**, U.S. Foreign Service Inst., Jan. 1988
-- **Intermediate-Range Nucl. Forces,** U.S. Senate, For. Relations Comm., **March 1988**
-- **Prot. II to the Geneva Conv.,** Am. Society of Int. Law, April 1988
-- **Law of War,** Am. Red Cross, April 1988
-- **Protocols to the Geneva Conv.,** Am. Univ. Law Sch., Jan. 1987
-- **Challenges to Int. Law**, George Mason Sch. of Law, March 1986
-- **Nuclear Cooperation with China,** U.S. Senate, For. Relations Comm., **Oct. 1985**
-- **Iran Claims Legislation**, U.S. Senate, For. Relations Comm., **May 1985**
-- **Iran Claims,** Am. Society of Int. Law, April 1984
-- **Security Assistance,** Virginia Law Sch., March 1984
-- **War Powers,** Virginia Law Sch., Dec. 1983
-- **Intervention,** Virginia Law Sch., Oct. 1983
-- **Iran Claims Act**, U.S. House of Rep., For. Affairs Comm., **June 1983**